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Note by the Secretariat

1. In its decision 2004/128 of 23 April 2004, approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2004/229, the Commission on Human Rights requested the Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights to appoint an independent expert to consider the situation of human rights in the Sudan for a period of one year. The independent expert was requested to submit an interim report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session and to report to the Commission at its sixty-first session on the situation of human rights in the Sudan. The Commission also requested the Secretary-General to provide all necessary assistance to the independent expert to enable him/her to discharge his mandate fully.

2. On July 2004, the Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights appointed Emmanuel Akwei Addo (Ghana) as independent expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan. Owing to his late appointment, Mr. Addo will not be in a position to submit a report to the General Assembly as requested. Instead, the independent expert will report orally to the Assembly on his initial observations with respect to his mandate.

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